

HOUSE BILL 1775  
By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates for honorably discharged members of the Tennessee National Guard.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-228(a), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(a) Special purpose and distinctive license plates are authorized for active, retired and honorably discharged members of the Tennessee national guard in good standing. The plates are approved for display on motor vehicles authorized by § 55-4-210(c) that are owned and operated or leased by a member or member's spouse.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-228(d)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (D):

(D) For honorably discharged national guard members, the initial issuance of a special purpose plate and renewals thereof shall be made upon payment of the regular registration fee applicable to the vehicle and a fee equal to the cost of producing such special purpose plate; provided, that the issuance of such plates shall be revenue neutral.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-228, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (h):

(h) All applications from honorably discharged national guard members shall contain such information as the commissioner shall require to prove eligibility for issuance of a license plate. Eligibility for a special purpose registration plate for honorably discharged national guard members shall be determined by the department, in consultation with the appropriate information on an applicant's current and valid armed forces of Tennessee identification card, citing that the request is submitted by an honorably discharged member of the Tennessee national guard.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(3), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (D):

(D) Honorably discharged members;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a)(9), is amended by deleting such subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

(9) National Guard: enlisted, officers, retirees and honorably discharged members - as provided for in § 55-4-228;

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.